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Re: Applicant(s): Vargas, Jaime; et. al.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Method For Cutting Tissue
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a **continuation** application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending U.S. Patent Application serial no. **09/542,976**, filed on April 4, 2000 by the following named inventors:

- (a) Vargas, Jaime;
- (b) Donohoe, Brendan M.;
- (c) Anderson, Scott C.;
- (d) Bender, Theodore;
- (e) Yencho, Stephen;
- (f) Hausen, Bernard;
- (g) Hendricksen, Michael; and
- (h) Nielsen, James T.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior U.S. Patent Application serial no. 09/542,976 as originally filed on April 4, 2000, including copies of the specification and drawings. The enclosed patent application includes a new set of claims and a first page that has been revised to claim priority to the parent application and to revise the title of the application and field of the invention to be consistent with that new set of claims, in accordance with 1251 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 54 (October 9, 2001). A copy of the executed oath or declaration as filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,976 is also enclosed.

Assignment to Vascular Innovations, Inc. of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,976 is recorded at reel 011017, frame 0981. The change of name from Vascular Innovations, Inc. to Cardica, Inc. in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,976 is recorded at reel 013180, frame 0120.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Brian A. Schar, Reg. No. 45,076, and Mark Meltzer, Reg. No. 28,739. Please address all communications to:

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Return postcard;
- (3) Copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,976 as filed, including originally-filed declaration, with revised first page and a new set of claims; and
- (4) Check no. 8565 in the amount of \$412.00.

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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Basic Application Fee							385.00
Total Claims	23	Minus	20	=	3	x \$9	\$ 27.00
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Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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